

**VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday February 9, 2016 at 5:00 P.M.**  
**Council Chambers, Vigo County Annex**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Bernie Burns, Vigo County Sheriff Department, called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Calling of the roll**

**Present:** Mike Morris, Bill Thomas, Ed Ping, Rick Burger, Kathy Miller, Tim P. Curley, Mark Bird.

**Corrections to the journal of the preceding meeting, if needed**

- *October 28, 2015*

President Rick Burger would like more detail on the minutes for the October 28, 2015 meeting that was held at the Vigo County Public Library. Tim Seprodi, Vigo County Auditor stated that the recording is available in the Auditor's office.

- *November 10, 2015*
- *November 23, 2015*
- *January 5, 2016*

**Motion:** To approve the November 10, 2015, November 23, 2015 and January 5, 2016 minutes as published, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim P. Curley, **Seconded by** Bill Thomas.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**Public comment**

President Rick Burger announced the Council will start recognizing a person or group in the community that has made a difference. Mr. Burger recognized Becky Miller with Ivy Tech Community College for her leadership role in the process of the construction of the new Humane Shelter.

Fred Strohm, Operations Manager, Terre Haute Humane Society, thanked the Council and Commissioners for their support. He stated the new building is much more efficient, especially with the heating and air conditioning.

Purdue Extension employees introduced themselves since they are all relatively new within the last few months.

**Communications from elected officials, other officials, or agencies of the County**

Commissioner Judy Anderson provided an update on the progress of the Hulman Center Project, which is on schedule. The next step is to obtain members for the Community Investment Board (CIB).

Sheriff Greg Ewing updated the Council on the jail population. Today the number of inmates was 266, the cap is 268. Sixty-five inmates are being housed at other facilities at this time. To date from

2013 to January 2016 \$463,045 has been spent on housing inmates in other facilities. So far this year alone, \$75,565 has been spent. If this rate continues, the County will spend nearly \$1 million in 2016.

Jim Bramble, Vigo County Treasurer reported the Treasurer's office purchased \$6 million in bond anticipation notes from the Sanitary District which pays 2.85% interest. A penalty clause states if the payment is late, the interest rate will increase to 6% until a payment is received.

### **Reports from standing committees**

There were none.

### **Reports from select committees**

There were none.

### **Ordinances relating to appropriations**

#### ***Personnel Committee***

##### ***Salary Ordinance 2016-01***

Gretchen Etling, Chief Public Defender, requested an additional appropriation of \$397,068.80 in County General/Public Defender in order to restructure the Public Defender office by making seven Public Defender positions in County General and two contractual Public Defenders currently paid from the Supplemental Public Defender Fund, .8 Public Defenders. This would increase salaries and make them eligible for insurance.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim P. Curley, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.

**Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 6, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

**Yes:** Bill Thomas, Ed Ping, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Rick Burger, Tim P. Curley.

**No:** Mike Morris.

##### ***Additional Appropriation 2016-01***

Gretchen Etling, Chief Public Defender, requested an additional appropriation in County General/Public Defender in order to restructure the Public Defender office by making seven Public Defender positions in County General and two contractual Public Defenders currently paid from the Supplemental Public Defender Fund, .8 Public Defenders. This would increase salaries and make them eligible for insurance. Additional appropriations are necessary in Payroll, FICA, PERF, and Group Insurance totaling \$374,246.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Bill Thomas, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.

**Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 6, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

**Yes:** Bill Thomas, Ed Ping, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Rick Burger, Tim P. Curley.

**No:** Mike Morris.

##### ***Salary Ordinance 2016-02***

Kara Kish, Parks & Recreation Superintendent, requested two part-time positions and to update the Form 144 to meet the department's needs. One position would work twenty hours per week to maintain Dewey Point and the Wabashiki Trail. The second position would work six hours per week to clean the Fowler Park Log Barn following rentals.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim P. Curley, **Seconded by** Bill Thomas.

Motion passed unanimously.

*Additional Appropriation 2016-02*

Kara Kish, Parks & Recreation Superintendent, requested two part-time positions at an hourly rate of ten dollars per hour. One position would work twenty hours per week to maintain Dewey Point and the Wabashiki Trail. The second position would work six hours per week to clean the Fowler Park Log Barn following rentals. Additional appropriations totaling \$34,082 in Payroll and FICA are needed to fund these positions.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim P. Curley, **Seconded by** Ed Ping. Motion passed unanimously.

*Salary Ordinance 2016-03*

Nancy Allsup, Vigo County Recorder, requested a part-time position to be paid from the Recorder Perpetuation Fund. This position was approved in 2015 and will continue to be needed in 2016.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Bird, **Seconded by** Tim P. Curley. Motion passed unanimously.

*Additional Appropriation 2016-03*

Nancy Allsup, Vigo County Recorder, requested a part-time position to be paid from the Recorder Perpetuation Fund. This position was approved in 2015 and will continue to be needed in 2016. Additional appropriations totaling \$16,234 in Payroll and FICA are needed to fund this position.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim P. Curley, **Seconded by** Mark Bird. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Kathy Miller, Personnel Committee Chair, recommended the Personnel Committee will meet with Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele and Associates (WIS) March 2, 2016 for training on classification. March 31, 2016 shall be the deadline to submit personnel requests and required forms to Connie Flood in the HR Department. Departments can obtain the forms from the HR Dept. The Personnel Committee will then meet in April and May to review those requests, send new and/or revised job descriptions to WIS for classification/reclassification as necessary. The Personnel Committee can then submit their recommendations to the Annual Budget Committee June 14, 2016 for the 2017 budget cycle.

**Motion:** To approve the meeting of the Personnel Committee with WIS and the process to review personnel requests, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Bird, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

*Budget Adjustment Committee*

*Additional Appropriation 2016-04*

Nancy Allsup, Vigo County Recorder requested an additional appropriation of \$20,000 in the Redacting account of the Recorder Security Protection fund in order to complete a project required by the State.

**Motion:** To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mike Morris, **Seconded by** Mark Bird. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Honorary resolutions**

There were none.

### **Resolutions relating to fiscal policies of the Council**

There were none.

### **First reading by summary reference of proposed ordinances and resolutions**

President Rick Burger assigned the Requests of Council to committee for further review.

Request of Council (ROC) 16-007, the Health Dept. and 16-012 Clerk will be on hold and will go through the review process. ROC 16-010 Veterans Assistance and 16-011 Clerk will be assigned to the Budget Adjustment Committee rather than the Personnel Committee as stated on the Log Sheet.

### **Appointments**

There were none.

Councilman Tim Curley welcomed Aaron Loudermilk and Jim Mann who are running on the Democrat ticket for County Council At-Large. He feels they would be an asset to the Council.

### **Adjournment**

**Motion:** To adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Tim P. Curley, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller. Motion passed unanimously.